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SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL SOVIET VISIT TO EGYPT

1. PRIME MINISTER RIFAI TELLS ME THAT JORDANIANS UNDERSTAND BREZHNEV MAY BE PLANNING A QUICK VISIT TO EGYPT THIS WEEKEND, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH EGYPTIAN, SAUDI, ABU DHABI EFFORT TO REPLACE SOVIET TROOPS OR ADVISORS ON PERIM ISLAND IN PDRY. RIFAI CONCLUDES SOVIET REACTION TO JOINT ARAB EFFORT, WHICH IS SUPPORTED AS FIRST STEP TO COMPLETE EXPULSION SOVIETS FROM PDRY, HAS POSSIBLY STIRRED SOVIETS TO SEEK THIS MEETING. RIFAI ALSO SAYS IN SUPPORT THIS CONSLUSION THAT ASHRAF MARWAN, ORIGINALLY DOE TO COME TO AMMAN THIS WEEK-END, HAS DELAYED HIS ARRIVAL UNTIL LATER.

2. APPARENTLY RIFAI'S SOURCE IS DE BORCHGRAVE OF NEWSWEEK WHO TOLD ME HE GOT STORY ON BACKGROUND FROM BUSINESSMAN TEN PERCENTER CHARLES RIYATCHI (SP) WHO HAS BEEN SPENDING WEEK IN CAIRO WITH MARWAN. WE HAVE NO POSSIBLE BASIS TO JUDGE VALIDITY OF REPORT, BUT PASS ON FOR WHATEVER COMMENT CAIRO

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